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REMARKS

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1. On 5 September 1953, the Hindenburg Kaserne, Schwerin, was occupied by about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. 25X1
25X1 yard. About 15 to 20 rocket launchers were seen in front of one barracks building. 25X1

2. On 5 September, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was occupied by about 3,000 to 4,000 troops. About 40 soldiers left the installation toward the training area. 25X1

3. On 7 August, the Fritsch Kaserne was occupied by about 500 troops. About 30 soldiers received telephone training in the barracks yard and the adjoining area.

4. On 7 August, the Moltke Kaserne was occupied by about 1,500 to 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. Driving practice with tanks was continually observed at the drill ground and near the lake west of the installation. A JS-3 tank and a T-34/85 tank were identified. About 20 tanks were seen in an open shed in the installation.

5. On 7 August, the Marstall was occupied by about 300 MVD soldiers. Intensive activity but no training were observed. 25X1
25X1 Individual officers wore green cap bands.

6. On 7 August, the Krueger Kaserne was occupied by about 300 troops.

7. Between 1 and 7 August, 25X1 a large ammunition and fuel depot east of Ludwigslusterchaussee, north of the railroad line to Goerries and southwest of the Neuzdendorfer forestry. 25X1

8. At about 5:30 p.m. on 4 August, rocket launchers 25X1
25X1 and 2 trucks, each occupied by about 6 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and equipped with full field pack; and carrying a field kitchen kettle and food containers left the Hindenburg Kaserne. 25X1

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25X1 toward the castle. [redacted]

9. On 10 September, the Hindenburg Kaserne was heavily occupied. About 85 percent of the windows of the barracks buildings were lighted after nightfall. On 31 August, about 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were engaged in a field exercise in the Werderholz (woods). [redacted]

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10. On 10 September, the Fritsch Kaserne was heavily occupied. About 85 percent of the windows of the barracks buildings were lighted after nightfall. About 50 troops carrying full field pack were repeatedly seen lined up in the barracks yard during the period under review. On 2 September, 15 trucks occupied by troops and carrying cable reels were seen in the barracks yard.
11. On 10 September, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was occupied to capacity. About 90 percent of the windows of the barracks buildings were lighted after nightfall. During the period under review, 100 to 150 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets were repeatedly seen entering the installation. On 2 September, about 25 soldiers practiced aiming on three 25-mm AA guns in the barracks yard. [redacted]

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12. On 10 September, the Moltke Kaserne was occupied to capacity. About 90 percent of the windows of the barracks buildings were lighted at dusk. On 2 September, two T-34 tanks were in the training area opposite the installation; and numerous soldiers engaged in physical training on 3 September. On 8 September, [redacted]

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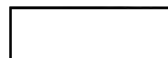
14. On 10 September, the Krueger Kaserne was occupied to capacity. About 90 percent of the windows of the barracks buildings were lighted at dusk. On 2 September, nine caterpillar tractors were seen in the barracks yard. On 4 September, about 120 troops entered the installation, coming from the Griewitzerchaussee. On 8 September, about 65 soldiers were seen firing with carbines at the firing range.
15. At about 4:50 a.m. on 10 August, eight pneumatic rafts, each occupied by about 15 soldiers armed with submachine guns and carrying full field pack, were seen crossing the Neumuehler See (lake). On 12 August, several small tent camps and five camouflaged guns in firing position were seen in the woods near Sternbuchholz.¹
16. At about 2:30 p.m. on 12 September, a train of 9 boxcars occupied by troops and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 6 x 37-mm AA guns, 32 x 85-mm AA guns, 39 trucks and 1 field kitchen [redacted] left Schwerin toward Parchim via Ludwigslust.²

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1. Comment. On 10 September, the units of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, the 4th Gds Arty Brig (US) and the 10th Gds RL Regt could be carried at the Schwerin post, while, in early August, elements of the abovementioned brigade stationed at the Krueger Kaserne were absent from the post for exercises, possibly in the woods near Sternbuchholz. The Marstall has, so far, been carried occupied by motor transport units, repair shops and a kommandatura. MVD units are reported there for the first time.
2. Comment. On 12 September, an AAA shipment passed through Schwerin, coming from Wustrow and proceeding southward. the units entrained on 13 September belonged to the 74th (Hv?) Tank SP Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and probably left for exercises.

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